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1. ON 17 DEC, THE SENATE PASSED THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1971

~~AND APPROVED A RELATED SENATE/HOUSE CONFERENCE REPORT WHICH ELIMINATED~~ ^{and} ~~LAOS~~

THE RMT PARA ONE PROVISION THAT WOULD HAVE PRECLUDED THE USE OF U.S. FUNDS

(APPROPRIATED UNDER ANY PROVISION OF LAW) TO FINANCE ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

~~MILITARY OPERATIONS BY FOREIGN (INCLUDING THAI) FORCES IN LAOS~~ ~~NORTH VIETNAM~~

OR ~~FOR~~ ^{THE} ~~LIBERIA~~ ^{AFRICA}. THE HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO PASS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WITH THE AUTHORIZATION ~~SHORTLY~~

RECONVENES IN MID JANUARY. ~~ALFLOUR~~ ~~AND~~ ~~has been~~

2. THE ~~XXXX~~ ADMINISTRATION HAD MADE ELIMINATION OF THIS PROVISION ONE

OF ~~THE~~ THREE MUSTS AMONG ~~THE~~ TWENTY SIX ADMINISTRATION OBJECTIONS THAT WERE

REGISTERED WITH THE CONFERENCE IN PREPARATION FOR CONFERENCE CONSIDERATION

~~RECEIVED BY THE PERSONS AS ENTERED VARIATION(S) OF THE ASSISTANCE EXEMPTION ONLY~~

OF THE SENATE VERSION(S) THAT WERE DESCRIBED IN REF.

Both (INCLUDING SYMINGTON, ^{ceiling} AMENDMENT)

3. THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL, HAS BEEN APPROVED

~~BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT~~ APPROPRIATIONS BILL (WHICH
CONTAINS THE MASF FUNDS FOR SUPPORT TO LAOS) *have been approved by the President,*
~~IS PENDING IN CONGRESS.~~

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In view of the enormity of the true Defense bills

4. ~~SINCE THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL~~

And the *Activin in Foreign Assistance Act Conference report*
~~IS NOW LAW AND THE SENATE HAS ACCEPTED ELIMINATION OF THE PROVISION AGAINST~~

~~USING DEFENSE PROCUREMENT OR OTHER FUNDS TO FINANCE THAT FORCES IN LAOS.~~

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